may well result in the enhancement in the declaration of dividend, which in turn will compensate the exchequer by way of dividend tax.

Deposits of Indians in Swiss Banks

2499. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated amounts of Indians lying in foreign banks, outside India, especially in Swiss Banks;

(b) the efforts being made to bring back the above amount;

(c) whether it is a fact that the amount lying is equivalent to the debt burden of Government; and

(d) if so, whether Government can utilise the amount for liquidating the debt?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) It is not possible to estimate the amount because of bank secrecy laws of the countries. It is, therefore, not possible to State whether the amount of these deposits would be equivalent to the debt burden of the Government. However, during the course of investigations, whenever, deposits lying in foreign banks are found to be in violation of FERA, 1973/FEMA, 1999 the offenders are directed to repatriate the same.

Honorarium under FR 46(b)

2500. SHRI RAO MAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that honorarium as remuneration is paid to Government servants under Fundamental Rules 46 (b) for works such as performing invigilation/supervision duties and setting the question papers and its evaluations or imparting training etc.;

(b) if so, whether Government have fixed any rates therefor, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have fixed any overall ceiling of the maximum amount, which can be paid for any and or all purposes stated above; if so, the details thereof and whether Government propose to revise its limit?